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Safety Improvements Planned for Roads in Apple Valley

SAN BERNARDINO – The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors on February 12 will consider a contract for a safety improvement project on Central Road and Ocotillo Way in the Apple Valley area.

"There have been a number of accidents at the intersection and local residents have also asked for safety improvements at the intersection," said Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt, who represents the area. "Hills at the intersection make it unsafe and need to be removed."

County staff reviewed the intersection and determined that decreasing the height of the hills around the intersection would increase the level of safety for motorists using the road. Road improvements to Central Road and Ocotillo Way will consist of lowering the hills for improved sight distance, creating a left turn pocket at Ocotillo Way by widening Central Road, and overlaying Central Road from Poppy Road to Round-Up Way with new pavement. In addition, Ocotillo Way from Central Road to approximately 700 feet east will be paved.

On October 16, 2007, the Board of Supervisors approved the plans for the improvements and authorized advertising for bids for this project.

Construction should commence in mid February and be completed by mid April 2008.

Funding for the project will come from a Federal Hazard Elimination Safety grant, County General funds, and County Gas Tax funds.